WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Subsidy on agriculture

*442. SHRI BHUP1NDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total subsidy on agriculture as on date; and

(b) whether the Government has in-formation as to what subsidy is provided oh agriculture in the countries like U.S., Germany and Japan and it so,' how much?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The total subsidy ton agriculture (which includes subsidy on fertilisers, electricity and irrigation) works out to Rs. 188,555 crore in 1992------- 93 and Is. 19,661 crore In 1993-94. The subsidy on account of fertiliser and electricity alone has been, estimated to be Rs. 15,810 crore in. 1994-95 and budgeted/projected at Rs. 17,078 crore" in 1995-96.

(b) No informatibn on subsidy provided to agriculture in countries like U.S., Germany and Japan are available. However, the estimates of Producer Subsidy Equivalent (net of input subsidies and output taxe's) as percentage of value of agricultural production, as worked out by Organisation of Econo-mic' Cooperation and Development (OECD) for 1990 are 30 per cent, 48 per cent and 68 per cent for U.S.A., E.C. and Japan respectively.

Creation *of* positive trade and invest-ment climate for agriculture

*446. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to create a positive trade and investment climate for agriculture vis-a-vis industry.

(b) if so, the manner in whtch it is likely to be achieved;

(c) whether Government propose to consider its objectives to develop effective system and bestow similar benefits-to griculture sector as.erist in indus- . try; and

(d) if so, the detail's thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (d) The draft Agricultre Policy Resolution (APR) [placed in Parliament for their consideration seeks to. create a positive trade and investment climate for Agriculture at par with industry and to develop effective systems and bestow similar benefts on agriculture as exist in industry. The major steps taken to achieve these. objectives include sub-stantal increase in minimum support price of agricultural commodities, reduction in controls on domestic and foreign trade in agriculture, increase in plan outlays etc.

मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासियों की शिक्षा हेतु विश्व बैंक की सहायता

*447. **श्री गोविन्द राम सिरी** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में खासकर मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में, आदिवासियों को शिक्षित करने के लिए केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा विश्व बैंक की सहायता से क्या-क्या योजनाएं चलाई जा रही हैं ;

(ख) उपरोक्त योजनाओं हेतु विश्व बैंक से कितनी सहायता मिल रही है, और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) उपरोक्त योजनाएं कितने समय से चलाई जा रही हैं और अब तक मिली सफलता का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) जिला प्राथमिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम में अनुसूचित जनजातियों की शिक्षा पर विशेष रूप से बल दिया गया है । विश्व बैंक की सहायता से यह